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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
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Applicant: Roberts et al.

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For: A DEVICE FOR IMPEDED A ROUTE OF TRAVEL OF CRAWLING

ARTHROPODS

Examiner: Varner

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RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents

and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2002, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1(First Time Amended). A barrier implement intended for obstructing a route of travel of crawling arthropods along a passageway, comprising:

a sheet configured to circumscribe a passageway along which arthropods crawl, a dimension of said sheet sized relative to said passageway, wherein the sheet is configured to circumscribe a passageway defined by a utility wall plate abutting a wall; and
an arthropod deterring component associated with said sheet for deterring said crawling arthropods and impeding their route of travel along said passageway.

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